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Mystery Witness to Describe Plot

NEW YORK (UPI) — A mystery informant will be the star witness Tuesday when a Brooklyn grand jury begins an investigation of an alleged conspiracy by three Yemeni immigrants to assassinate President-elect Richard M. Nixon.

The police department and the port authority police ordered "total security" for Nixon on his arrival here Monday from Key Biscayne, Fla., via Washington where he conferred with President Johnson. The Secret Service also was reported taking additional precautions since the plot suspects were arrested in Brooklyn Saturday.

The federal government signified its interest in the case Monday by ordering U.S. attorneys to confer with Brooklyn police authorities. No one would say whether there were indications the case was linked to the murder of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy in Los Angeles last June but acting Brooklyn Dist. Atty. Elliott Golden said nothing was being overlooked.

GOLDEN'S STAFF worked on its presentation to the Kings County grand jury which is scheduled to hear testimony from a man who claims the suspects invited him to join their conspiracy. The unidentified man reportedly tipped off police who arrested Ahmed Namer, 43, and his sons Hussein, 20, and Abdo, 16, in a raid on their shabby apartment.

The three were charged with conspiracy in the first degree to commit murder, for which they face 15 years imprisonment each if convicted; criminal solicitation in the first degree, involving importuning commission of murder, for which they face seven years in prison and illegal possession of weapons, for which they face up to a year in prison.

There were rumors that at least one of the Namers, possible Hussein, had made trips to California but Golden said he knew nothing of this although "there is one aspect of that type we are looking into." A FBI official and police authorities in Los Angeles said they had received no official request to investigate the possibility of visits there by the Namers.

THE SUSPECTS will also hanve another court hearing Wednesday because their first hearing Sunday was held under a witness-shielding affidavit which requires another public hearing in 48 hours. They are being held in tight security under $100,000 bond each. The Names, who worked as shipping clerks, said they had enough money to pay for legal counsel.

Nixon aides said Nixon knew of the alleged plot before it was made public but had shown "no concern over it."

"Any idea of a major plot is overexaggerated," one aide commented.

However, the fact that the Namers came from Yemen, near Jordan, birthplace of Kennedy assassination suspect Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, 24, led some investigators to surmise that similar motivations might be involved.

Sirhan allegedly shot Kennedy because of the senator's pro-Israeli statements. During his campaign Nixon spoke out for a militarily strong Israel that would have a "technological margin" over its Arab neighbors.

GOLDEN SAID the Namers had "very strong ties outside the country . . . family ties, if not other ties that I will not comment on." However, the senior Namer's acquaintances said he never appeared to be interested in politics and had never been in trouble.

In the Namer apartment, police found a M1 rifle and a M1 carbine, 24 rounds of ammunition, two switchblade knives and letters from relatives of persons authorities described as "contacts" in Arab countries.